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- 1. It has been ascertained that Father Juan Clemente Silva has resigned as codirector of the Italo-Argentine Immigration Mission, and Adolfo Scilingo has been dismissed as co-director of the mission. Scilingo has been dismissed allegedly because of sexual perversion and also because he is reported to have accepted bribes from immigrants for favored treatment.
- 2. It has been hinted that some of the immigrants who have already arrived in Argentina will be sent back to Italy because of irregularities, but thus far the only ones who have been investigated by Argentine authorities are those who are being held as stowaways.
- 3. The immigrants are supposed to have been informed that as laborers in Argentina they would earn 20 peacs a day, whereas in fact they have been offered but 12 peacs. The Dodero Steamship Company tried to charge the immigrants 1,000 peacs for their peasage instead of 600 peacs, which was the original agreement, and, in addition to that, the steamship company demanded 128 peacs as interest because the sum is to be deducted from the salaries earned in Argentina by the immigrants. The immigrants were also charged seven peace each for marine insurance.
- 4. According to source, some of the immigrants appear to have been working on behalf of the Italian government to create trouble for the Dodero Steamship Company in the hope that future immigrants would be carried by Italian ships.

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